

## **Covid kale Bignonota o Sanhati**

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### **Abstract**

The research that culminated into the Bengali book *Covid-Kale Bipannata O Sanhati* with the support of the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM), Vienna, aimed at exploring and developing a comprehensive understanding of the work of the awardees of Krishna Trust in the last nine years, who received award to facilitate education and public health issues among women and children in their respective localities. This academic work attempts to bring to light how the social leaders and mobilisers of social work, and solidarity, caregivers, providers, in Bengal, especially women, working tirelessly through obstacles and breaking barriers during Covid-19 induced lockdown in their villages, *bustees*, neighbourhoods or localities, settlements, towns, cities. It depicts particularly rise of the network of solidarity during a crisis time, pandemic situation. The accounts of the awardees give a real picture of the villages of Bengal as well as, it also details the condition of poorer section in towns as well as the city of Kolkata during crisis hours. Along with these accounts, there is an essay on the brief history of solidarity in Bengal since pre-colonial times. The research work gives a context of history to the readers to relate the accounts of the social leaders within the framework of solidarity and their lived experiences during the extraordinary time of the phases of the pandemic.